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Department of Regulation and Licensing Expands Credential Verification Services

The Department of Regulation and Licensing has added a feature at the department's web site (<http://www.drl.state.wi.us>) which will allow employers and members of the public to verify the status of professional credentials held by nearly 280,000 individuals.

Once the department's web site is accessed, users may click on "Credential Holder Query" and they will gain access to the department's credential data base where they can verify whether an individual holds a current license in any of the professions regulated by the department.

"Giving employers and consumers the ability to directly access this information on the Internet makes it easier for the public to verify whether a

person is entitled to practice a profession in Wisconsin," Secretary Marlene Cummings said. "It will also be an effective deterrent to efforts by any individuals to successfully misrepresent their credential status since anyone with a computer and internet access can quickly verify whether the credential is actually held by that individual," Cummings added.

What Can't a CVT Do?

by Linda Olson, CVT

A Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT) is one of the most important "tools" any clinic has, but there seems to be some confusion about what they can or cannot do legally. Test your knowledge of VE 7 and VE 9 with this short quiz.

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| 1. A CVT may declaw a cat. | True or False |
| 2. A CVT may administer all vaccines. | True or False |
| 3. An unlicensed assistant may perform dental prophylaxis and extractions. | True or False |
| 4. An unlicensed assistant may administer sedatives. | True or False |
| 5. A CVT may administer general anesthesia as long as a veterinarian is within 15 minutes of contact. | True or False |
| 6. An unlicensed assistant may administer draw blood and perform laboratory testing on the blood. | True or False |

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Answers

1. **False.** CVT's cannot perform surgery. VE 7.0291)(c). Surgery is defined as any procedure in which skin or tissue is penetrated, pierced, or severed other than injections. VE 1.02(10).
2. **False.** CVT's can administer all vaccines except Rabies. VE 7.0293) and s. 95.21(2).
3. **False.** Unlicensed assistants may not extract teeth, however, a CVT can. (VE7.0296)(c).
4. **True.** VE 7.02(6)(a)
5. **False.** A CVT may administer general anesthesia as long as the veterinarian is on the premises. VE 7.02(4)(a) and (8)(c).
6. **True.** VE 7.02(5)(a) and (6)(b).

Hopefully you got all six questions correct. If you missed any you may want to review VE 7 and VE 9. Current copies of the code book may be purchased from the Department of Regulation and Licensing for \$5.28.

Disciplines

GARY JOSEPH BATENHORST, DVM
BERLIN WI REPRIMAND
Medical records prepared for a that procedure failed to meet the requirements for recordkeeping. Ordered to make changes to his recordkeeping practice. Effective 6/30/99. VE 7.06(15) Case #LS9906301VET

ANNAMARIE DITTMAR, DVM
PORT WASHINGTON WI

LIMITED/EDUCATION

Prohibited from engaging in orthopedic surgery until she completes a course in orthopedics, including orthopedic radiology and pharmacology. Effective 9/29/99. VE 7.06(1) Case #LS9909291VET

DAVID A WRIGHT, DVM

CAMPBELLSPORT WILIMITED/COSTS

Failed to deliver all puppies during a cesarean section. Effective 1/26/2000. VE 7.06(1) Case #LS0001263VET

WILLIAM H SWEENEY, DVM

BURNSVILLE MNSUSPENDED/LIMITED

The Minnesota board imposed discipline based upon the following: Prescribed veterinary prescription drugs without a veterinarian-client-patient relationship; engaged in conduct that was professionally incompetent; failed to meet minimum standards for record keeping; failed to meet minimum standards for a mobile veterinary practice; wrote prescriptions that did not contain required identification; dispensed drugs which did not provide directions for use; demonstrated a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare and safety of patients. Effective 2/29/2000. VE 7.06(6) Case #LS9911291VET

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Press 1 **Request Application**

Press 2 **Name or Address Change**

Need a Duplicate License

Request a Letter of Good Standing

Press 3 **Complaint Filing Information**

Press 4 **Status of a Pending Application**

Press 5 **Verifying Current Status of a Credential Holder**

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Fax (608) 261-7083

Verifications

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